



## BUTTERFLY HABITAT DESIGN

- ✚ Identify the butterfly's native to your area.
- ✚ Assess the yard or garden space in its present state, noting trees, shrubs & herbaceous flowering plants that are a food source for butterflies & caterpillars.
- ✚ Select a variety of plant which will attract butterflies to your garden. Include a selection of larval foods and adult nectar plants.
- ✚ Locate the garden in full sun or an area that receives at 4 hours of sunlight.
- ✚ Provide a windbreak or screen of trees, shrubs or a fence to block excessive wind.
- ✚ Plan for continuous bloom throughout the butterfly season, February through November.
- ✚ Use groups of plants to display splashes of color to attract more butterflies.
- ✚ Plant single flower varieties which are easier for butterflies to nectar upon.
- ✚ To encourage butterfly visitation, include a water source for puddling or rotting fruit for the sap feeding butterflies.
- ✚ Avoid pesticide use in or near the garden.
- ✚ Record your butterfly visitors taking note of the plants that appear to be their favorite nectar sources.

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## FOOD SOURCES FOR BUTTERFLY LARVA

1. Paper Kite – South America
2. Orange Longwing – Passion Flowers
3. The Clipper – South America
4. Hackberry Emperor – Hackberry trees
5. Skipper – Grass varieties
6. Monarch – Milkweeds
7. Tiger Swallowtail – Ash, Black Cherry
8. Giant Swallowtail – Citrus trifoliolate Orange, Hops
9. Spice Bush Swallowtail – Bay Laurel, Spice Bush
10. Checkered White – Kale, Broccoli, Cabbage, Wild Mustards
11. Red Admiral – Nettle & False Nettle
12. Variegated Fritillary – Passion Flower, Violets, Pansies, Flax, Purslane, Stonecap
13. Gulf Fritillary – Passion Flower
14. Black Swallowtail – Dill, Fennel, Rue
15. Checkered Skipper – Hollyhock, Marsh Mallow, Tall Winecup
16. Broken Dark Skipper – Panicum grasses
17. Giant Southern White – Cabbage, Kale, Broccoli
18. Gray Hairstreak – Senna, Bluebonnet, Clover, Rose of Sharon, Tall Winecup
19. Cloudless Sulfer – Senna
20. Little Sulfur – Bluebonnet, Senna
21. Question Mark – Elms, Hackberry
22. Painted Lady – Thistles, Mallows and many others
23. Buckeye – Snapdragons, Ruellia, Plantain, Toad Flax
24. Queen – Milkweeds
25. Tawny Emperor - Hackberries

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